

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:370

ANSWERED ON:20.11.2002

SAARC SUMMIT

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the next Summit of SAARC is to be held in Pakistan;
- (b) if so, whether date and agenda for the Summit has been finalised;
- (c) if, so, the details thereof;
- (d) Whether India proposes to attend the Summit;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI YASHWANT SINHA)

(a) Yes.

(b)&(c) While the Agenda has not been drawn up, Pakistan has proposed for the Summit to be held in Islamabad from 11th to 13th January, 2003.

(d),(e) & (f) The dates are under the consideration of the Government of India.